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dispute is not with a Communist country. No Communist country is involved. So, I think there is no necessity to have a half-hour debate.''

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—'' கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, நேற்றைய தினம் இது விஷயமாக விவாதிக்க ஒரு மணி ஒதுக்கப்படுமென்ற நம்பிக்கை எங்களுக்குக் கொடுக்கப்பட்டது. அதன் காரணமாகத்தான் இன்றைய தினம் கேள்விநேரத்தில் அதைப்பற்றி நான் அதிகமாகக் கேட்கவில்லை. சர்க்காருக்கும், எதிர்க்கட்சிக்கும் இவ்விஷயத்தில் கருத்து வேற்றுமை இருக்கிறதா இல்லையாயென்பது அல்ல பிரச்னை. இவ்விஷயத்தில் சீக்கிரமே ஒரு முடிவுகாண இந்திய சர்க்கார் தக்க நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துக் கொண்டிருப்பது பற்றி ரொம்பவும் சந்தோஷம். அதைப்பற்றி பல விஷயங்கள் இங்கேயுள்ள அங்கத்தினர்களுக்குத் தெரியும். அதையும் அவர்கள் சொன்னால் மத்திய சர்க்கார் எடுத்துக்கொண்டிருக்கும் முயற்சிக்கு அது ஊக்கமும், வலுவும் அளிப்பதோடு, நாம் இங்கு நடத்தும் விவாதம் அந்தப் பிராந்தியங்களில் வாழும் மக்களுக்கும் நம்பிக்கை அதிகம் அளிப்பதாக இருக்குமென்றுதான் நான் எண்ணுகிறேன். நாம் இங்கு நடத்தும விவாதம் மத்திய சர்க்காருக்கு எந்த வகையிலும் குந்தகமாக இருக்காது. அதற்கு மாறாக பலமும், உதவியும் அளிப்பதாகவே இருக்குமென்றுதான் சொல்ல விரும்புகிறேன். ஆகையால் இவ்விஷயத்தைப்பற்றி விவாதிக்க ஒரு அரை மணி நேரம் ஒதுக்கவேண்டுமென்று நான் கேட்டுக் கொள்ளுகிறேன்.''

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' I want to mention another point also. The Government of India and the Government of France are going to have talks in Paris on the 14th of this month over the French Settlements in India. In view of that, I think, a discussion by this House over this question might be embarrassing to the parties. Moreover, when this question is discussed here, even though I know that the Deputy Leader of the Opposition may keep himself within bounds, we cannot have the same sort of assurance from other hon. Members participating in the discussion. Moreover, fifteen to twenty minutes have been spent when a starred question having a bearing on this subject was discussed here. Several supplementaries have been put and answered. In view of all these, I would appeal to the Deputy Leader of the Opposition not to press his request for a half-hour debate on this question.''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' I think, in view of what the Leader of the House had told us, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition will not press his request.''

The request for a half-hour debate was not pressed.

IV.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(I) THE MADRAS LAND REVENUE (SURCHARGE) BILL, 1954.

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—'' On a point of order, Sir. This Bill was circulated to us only yesterday. There was no time for us to study the Bill. The Bill was published only on the 4th of May in the Gazette. Rule 79 of the Madras Assembly Rules says :

" 79.–At any time after the expiry of six days from the publication of a Bill in the Gazette, the member-in-charge of the Bill may make one of the following motions in regard to his Bill, namely :—

(*a*) that it be taken into consideration by the Assembly either at once or some future day to be then specified ; or

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(b) that it be referred to a Select Committee of the House or ;

(c) that it be circulated for the purpose of eliciting opinion thereon.'

Therefore, only after six days from the publication of the Bill in the Gazette, that is only on the 10th of May in this case, can the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue bring in a motion for the consideration of the Bill by the House. Moreover, the fifteen days' notice to Members had not been given. Therefore, I submit the consideration of this Bill by the House to-day is out of order.''

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—'' கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, கனம் சுயம்பிரகாசம் அவர்கள் எழுப்பியுள்ள ஒழுங்குப் பிரச்னையை நானும் ஆமோதிக்கிறேன். கெஜட்டில் பிரசுரமாகி 6 தினங்களுக்குப் பிறகே எந்த மசோதாவையும் இந்தச் சபையிலே பிரேரிப்பதற்கு முடியும். இருந்தாலும் கூட இந்த ஷரத்தில் கண்டுள்ள விதிகளையெல்லாம்மீறி எதையும் சபையில் பிரேரிப்பதற்கு அனுமதி அளிக்கக்கூடிய அதிகாரம் தங்களுக்கு இருக்கிறதென்பதும் வாஸ்தவம். அதை நான் ஆட்சேபிக்கவில்லை. போதிய அவகாசம் கொடுக்காமல் திடீரென்று ஒரு மசோதாவைப் பிரேரித்து அதைச் சபை விவாதிக்கவேண்டுமென்று சொன்னால் அடிப்படைக் கொள்கையை ஒத்துக்கொள்ளுகிறவர்களுக்குக்கூட அதிலுள்ள பல சிக்கல்களை நன்கு ஆராய்ந்து நீக்குவதற்கு முடியாமல் போய்விடும் என்பதும் வாஸ்தவம். இருந்தாலும் சர்க்கார் கட்சித் தலைவர் இம் மசோதாவை இன்றைக்கே விவாதத்திற்கு எடுத்துக்கொள்ளவேண்டுமென்பதற்கு ஏதாவது பிரத்யேகக் காரணங்களைச் சொல்லியிருக்கிறார்களா என்று நான் அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' As remarked by the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, the Chair has got the power to waive notice. The Deputy Leader of the Opposition has himself admitted it. Apart from that, the other House is meeting on the 10th instant. We must send some Bills for the Council on that date. That is another reason.'' (Laughter.)

* THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' Ordinarily, I would not have pressed that this Bill be taken up for discussion to-day. But this Bill had been considered by this House before the separation of Andhra. It was referred to a Select Committee. We again discussed it. But we stopped further discussion because of the intervention of partition. The fact that this Bill would come up for discussion in the House had been indicated during the Budget debate itself. I agree that the Bill could have been published a little earlier. In view of the changes that took place in the Cabinet recently, we had again to circulate it to the Ministers, get their orders and then publish the Bill. These are the circumstances under which we have had to pass through. Therefore, I would request hon. Members, even though the Hon. Speaker has the power to waive the notice period of six days prescribed under rule 79 of the Assembly Rules, to waive the time limit in view of what I have stated. I would request hon. Members not to mind what has been done but proceed with the consideration of the Bill. Whatever difficulties hon. Members may find in the Bill, I think we will be able to solve them during the course of the day when the Bill would be under discussion.''

* DR. K. B. MENON :—'' I wish to submit that in the Bill as presented to the House, there are some alterations and that

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it is different from the one originally presented. We have had no time to study the Bill and hand in amendments. If we take the other items that are left over, I think that would occupy the whole day and give us some time to study the Bill."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I wish to inform hon. Members that the Council is meeting on the 10th instant. We have to send some Bills on that date for their consideration. They will not have any work if we do not send them this Bill for their consideration on the 10th instant. Therefore, I think hon. Members would co-operate with us and not allow us to incur extra expenditure by not giving any work to the Council on the 10th instant. I do hope that hon. Members would proceed with the consideration of the Bill to-day itself."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" I wish to submit that it is wrong in principle that we should hustle through this Bill to give some work for the other House which is meeting on the 10th instant. Even though the Government have got the power to introduce Bills in the Council, that rule should not be used to curtail the powers of this House. Money Bills . . ."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No Money Bills have been introduced in the Council, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Yes. To my knowledge, Government have not introduced any Money Bill in the Council first."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" They have introduced several new Bills first in the Council. Again on principle, it is wrong to curtail the powers of this House."

MR. SPEAKER :—" But the rules provide that Government could introduce Bills other than Money Bills in the other House."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Our object is to stop consideration of this Bill to-day. We have had no time to study the Bill. How can we participate usefully in the discussion? Moreover, we do not have the facilities that the Hon. Ministers have. The new Ministry was formed on April 13th. In spite of their having all the facilities, in spite of their having the whole command in their hands, they could not publish the Bill in the Gazette soon. It was published only on the 4th of May. To-day is 7th. The six days time-limit is not yet over. So I request that the Bill be not taken up for discussion to-day."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Sir, this Bill, when passed, 9-20
will have far-reaching consequences, especially in view of the a.m.
recent statement of the Prime Minister of India that a maximum limit should be placed on the extent of land to be held by an individual. It is expected that we should go into the matter very deeply and intelligently and I submit that we cannot do it now especially when the Bill has been published only very recently.

I therefore request you to give us some more time so that we can study the Bill and give our intelligent support to the other side.''

Mr. SPEAKER :—'' The Leader of the House has already explained the circumstances under which the Bill has been placed before the House. In view of that, I do not think the hon. Member will press his suggestion.''

Sri K. VINAYAKAM :—'' Does the Hon. Leader of the House want this Bill to be hustled through this House? Let us be clear about our position.''

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' I do not want to hustle this Bill through this House. Even if I want to hustle through, I do not think the Hon. Speaker will allow me to do it.''

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN :—'' As a gesture, will the Hon. Speaker be pleased to accept verbal amendments? ''

Mr. SPEAKER :—'' Amendments will be received during the general discussion and also during the consideration of the Bill clause by cause.''

Dr. K. B. MENON :—'' Some of us are not lawyers and we cannot understand the Bill thoroughly.''

Sri S. T. ADITYAN :—'' There is another aspect of the question which no Member has put forward. We can, no doubt, go through the Bill to-day. But we are not the only party concerned. The large body of people, who are affected by this Bill, are also concerned. The people should have time to represent their views to the Members and the Press also should have time to express its views.''

Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, மற்ற கட்சித்தலைவர்கள் சொல்லிய வாதங்களை நானும் ஒப்புக்கொள்ளுகிறேன்."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" நீங்களே முன்பு ' எந்த மசோதாவையும் பிரேரிக்கும் விஷயத்தில் நோட்டிஸ் நிபந்தனைகளிலிருந்து விலக்களிக்க சபைத்தலைவர் அனுமதி அளிக்க விதிகளில் இடம் இருக்கிறதென்பதை ஒப்புக்கொண்டிருக்கிறீர்கள். இப்போது . . .

Sri M. KALYANSUNDARAM :—" உங்களுக்கு பிரத்யேக அதிகாரம் இருக்கிற தென்பதை நான் ஒப்புக்கொள்ளுகிறேன். அதேசமயத்தில் மற்ற கட்சித் தலைவர்களும் இந்த மசோதாவைப் படிப்பதற்குக் கொஞ்சம் அவகாசம் கொடுக்கவேணடுமென்று சொல்வதன் காரணமாக நான் என்னுடைய யோசனை ஒன்றைச் சொல்ல விரும்புகிறேன். அதாவது இன்றைக்கு நாம் இந்த மசோதாவின் பொது விவாதத்தை வைத்துக் கொள்ளலாம். நாளைக்கு ஷரத்துவாரியாக எடுத்துக் கொணடு விவாதம் நடத்தலாமென்பதே எனது அபிப்பிராயம்."

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' Let us see the trend of discussion and if it is necessary to allow more time, we shall allow. I do not want to curtail discussion.''

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MR. SPEAKER :—" We shall have general discussion to-day and consideration clause by clause to-morrow."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Even for general discussion, Members must contribute to the discussion. They must talk some sense."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Yesterday I told the Leader of the House that it was not possible for me to waive notice. But he made a special request to me to waive notice and allow this Bill to be taken up to-day, as some work had to be provided for the Council. Only after his special request, I agreed to waive notice. At the same time, he told me that this Bill had come up before the House a number of times in some form or other. We shall have general discussion to-day and take up consideration clause by clause to-morrow."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Sir, may I submit the view of some of the Members? If the Bill is taken up to-day, we will be at a very great disadvantage and many of us have decided not to participate in the discussion, and probably we may walk out."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I request the hon. Member not to do that. That is not a proper way of doing things."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" There are other pending Bills. For instance, the Bill for amending the Madras City Municipal Act may be taken up."

MR. SPEAKER :—" In view of the special request of the Leader of the House, I hope the House will comply with it."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" We are submitting that we have not studied, and therefore we are not prepared to discuss, the Bill. It is not our intention to waste the time of the House. Instead of wasting time on general discussion to-day, I suggest as a compromise that we could take up and finish the general discussion as well as the discussion clause by clause to-morrow."

V.—GOVERNMENT MOTION.

MOTION UNDER RULE 22 (3) OF THE ASSEMBLY RULES.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I do not want to embarrass the hon. Members. As they say that they want time to study, I am agreeable to taking up the Bill to-morrow. I move—

> '*That under rule* 22 (3) *of the Madras Assembly Rules, the first item in item II in the list of business for* 7*th May* 1954, *namely, the Madras Land Revenue* (*Surcharge*) *Bill*, 1954, *be postponed to to-morrow* (8*th May* 1954).' "